

# **Senate passes earthquake prediction bill**

The Senate has passed a bill aimed at finding better methods of earthquake prediction and reducing the hazards of earthquakes to life and property.

The president is directed in the bill to administer a coordinated earthquake reduction program, including the development of better design and construction methods to make structures earthquake resistant.

In addition, the measure, cosponsored by Sen. Ted Stevens, calls for the implementation of a system to predict damaging earthquakes in areas of high or moderate risk, public education about earthquake hazard reduction measures, and the coordination of information on seismic risk and land-use decisions.